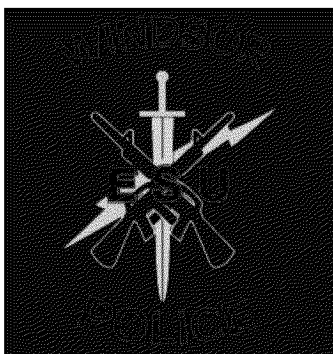




ESU SMEAC and GAS PLAN

Type of Service: Security for Trucker Protest/Convoy 2022

Authorizing CIC: Superintendent CROWLEY

SMEAC Created By: SGT D'Alimonte

Assistance Requested By: Windsor Police Service

Date of Execution: March 28th, 2022 – Indefinite

SITUATION

Situation:

On Jan 15th 2022, the Canadian government implemented a requirement for Canadian tractor-trailer drivers returning from the United States to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if they wish to avoid quarantine and testing for COVID-19 upon re-entry to Canada. American truck drivers who are unvaccinated would be turned back at the border. The vaccination requirement had been met with opposition resulting in the organization of slow-rolling blockades on major Canadian highways, including at or near border points, designated as "FREEDOM CONVOY 2022" and "OPERATION BEARHUG".

On the 7th Feb 2022, vehicles and organized protests blocked access to the Ambassador Bridge. Huron Church Road, Wyandotte Street, College Ave were all impacted by protest activity. The Ambassador Bridge is a major economic driver for Canada with 700 million dollars worth of product crossing the bridge on a daily basis.

On Friday February 11th, 2022 at 1900hrs, Chief Justice Geoffrey B. Morawetz granted a court injunction. The document, stated that anyone having notice of the order is prohibited from "impeding or blocking access to the Ambassador Bridge, and indirect or direct approaching roadways and access points". The injunction is still in place indefinitely.

The injunction authorized police or "designated agents" to remove any vehicles, personal property, equipment, structures, or other objects that impede or block access to the bridge, and approaching roadways.

It also allowed for the arrest and removal of anyone the police had "reasonable grounds to believe was

contravening, or contravened any provision" of the order, although they could be released if they agree to obey the order.

It should be noted that citizens are free to engage in peaceful protests that don't impede or block access to the bridge or approaching roadways, the order states.

On the 12-13th Feb 2022 a Public Order Unit (POU) Operation in conjunction with a Towing Plan was successfully implemented clearing protestors from the area. A Traffic Management Plan was developed to control access to Huron Church Road and prevent further protest activity.

Traffic Checkpoints, Quick Response Teams, Interdiction Teams, and Patrol Areas were established to monitor and control vehicle and pedestrian access.

The OPP worked in conjunction with Windsor Police Service to provide support with incident command, personnel, and planning.

The demobilization plan was developed as a strategy to reduce resources and return traffic flow and operations to a sustainable level ensuring response is measured, considered, and appropriate.

On February 28, 2022, the Windsor Police Service (WPS) took sole operational responsibility for the management of the Huron Church Corridor. Since that date, there has been very little activity in that area in regards to the protest and no intelligence regarding future protests.

On March 28, 2022, the Windsor Police ceased all directed patrols related to the convoy, but developed an operational plan moving forward from that date.

ESU has been tasked with assisting and dealing with any persons or vehicles driven by protestors who are committing the criminal offence of Mischief and contravening the injunction order by removing any persons or vehicles who are in contravention.

Justification for ESU

ESU is trained in vehicle interdiction and extraction of persons who refuse to exit vehicles upon request.

Special Considerations (Children, dogs, etc.)

Unknown at this time and will be assessed at the time of each incident

History of the Target (CPIC/LVL2/CFRO/LOCAL/Previous Tactical Operations)

Unknown

Authorities

Criminal Code charges to consider:

- Mischief - *Criminal Code* Section 430(1)
- Obstructing Police – *Criminal Code* Section 139 (1).
- Breach of a Court Order – *Criminal Code* Section 127

- Intimidation by blocking or obstructing a highway – Criminal Code Section 423 (1) (g)
- Use of Force – Criminal Code Section 25
- Resisting or Obstructing Public or Peace Officer – Criminal Code Section 129
- Unlawful Assembly – Criminal Code Section 66
- Causing Disturbance – Criminal Code Section 175
- Assaulting a Peace Officer – Criminal Code Section 270
- Intimidation – Criminal Code Section 423(1)(g)
- Arson – Criminal Code Section 433

Ontario Superior Court of Justice - Court Order - dated *February 11, 2022*, the terms of this Order shall remain in force until varied or discharged by a further Order of the Court.

THIS COURT ORDERS that any police officer which the Windsor Police Service, the OPP, and any other police authority (the “Police”), shall have authorization to arrest and remove any person who has knowledge of this Order and who the Police have reasonable and probable grounds to believe is contravening or has contravened any provision of this Order.

THIS COURT ORDERS that the Police or designated agents shall have authorization to remove any vehicles, personal property, equipment, structures, or other objects that impede or block access to the Ambassador Bridge and approaching roadways.

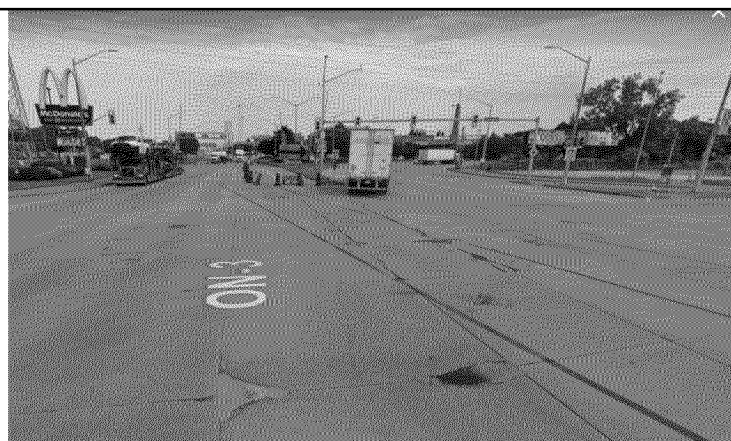
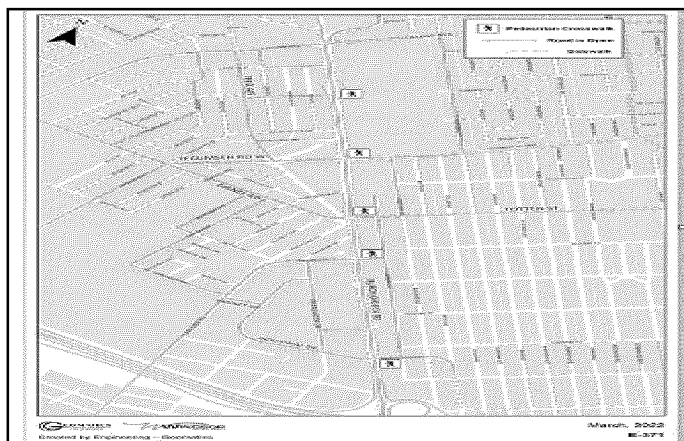
Highway Traffic Act of Ontario offences

- Identification on Failure to Surrender License – Highway Traffic Act 33(3)
- Careless Driving – HTA Section 130(1)
- Unnecessary Slow Driving Prohibited – HTA Section 132(1)
- Direction of Traffic by police Officer – HTA Section 134(1)
- U-turns Prohibited – HTA Section 143
- Blocking Intersections – HTA Section 145(1)
- Slow Vehicles to Travel on Right Side – HTA Section 147(1)
- Passing Meeting Vehicles – HTA Section 148(1)
- Backing prohibited, speed limit over 80kph – HTA Section 157
- Parking on Roadway – HTA Section 170(1)
- Racing, Stunts, etc., Prohibited – HTA Section 172(1)
- Regulating or Prohibiting Use of Highway by Pedestrians – HTA Section 185(1)
- Prohibiting Commercial Vehicles in Left Lane – HTA Section 186(1)
- Restricted Use of Left Lanes by Commercial Motor Vehicles – R.R.O.1990 Regulation 6081.(1)
- Use of Controlled-Access Highways by Pedestrians – R.R.O. 1990 Regulation 627 1.(1)

Maps

Overhead

View of structure



Vehicles					
Licence	Colour	Make	Model	Year	Other Details
U/K at this time					

MISSION

Mission Statement

WPS, will keep the peace, enforce legislation, establish and maintain the safe flow of traffic and **respecting** individual's charter rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of speech with the public and **officer safety being paramount**.

EXECUTION

Main Action Plans

This Operational Plan is in effect as of Monday, March 28, 2022 to indefinitely.

1. Support the Interdiction Team if requested: To attempt to divert the convoy away from the city of Windsor or diverting the traffic away from Huron Church at Tecumseh and other major intersections.
2. Support the Quick Response Team if requested: To isolate, contain, and negotiate in the event supporters/protestors should access Huron Church Road. During this primary interaction, it is critical that officers remind the protesters of the injunction that prohibits them from blocking access to the bridge (knowledge of the injunction is mandatory to enforce it). They will be advised they are in violation of a court order and will be arrested if they do not terminate their actions.

Any positive action will be conducted by ESU with Blockade CIC approval. A planned overt action **must be** approved by the Blockade CIC. If an immediate overt action is required all officers are **reminded of their Section 25 authorities**.

If the IC Sergeant, without ESU presence determines that negotiations with the driver/pedestrian is unsuccessful, the IC Sergeant can consider the driver non-compliant and ESU will be requested to assist and support anyone non-compliant.

NON-COMPLIANT ACTIONS

Persons On Foot Impeding Traffic/Refusal To Leave:

ESU will approach and advise all individuals that they are committing the offence of Mischief as well as in contravention of the injunction/order (Or other applicable offence) and advise them of the consequences (arrest) if they do not immediately exit the roadway and disperse. If they do not comply all parties will be arrested utilizing as little force as necessary for these offences.

In the event of large crowds ESU may be requested to deploy gas to assist with dispersing, **REDACTED**

REDACTED

Vehicles Impeding Traffic (ESU Only):

REDACTED

REDACTED Officers will exit our vehicles and approach the subject vehicle(s). While approaching

REDACTED One officer will advise the occupants that they are under arrest for mischief, as well as in contravention of the injunction/order (Or other applicable offence) and advise them of the consequences (arrest) if they do not immediately exit the roadway and disperse.

A reasonable opportunity will be given for the occupants of the vehicle to comply. In the event that the occupants do not comply and refuse to exit the vehicle, one officer will **REDACTED**

REDACTED

In the event the occupants cannot be removed safely, **REDACTED**

REDACTED

Immediate Action Plan

Conduct an immediate entry with a hostage rescue/active shooter mind-set to protect against the immediate loss of life. If an immediate overt action is required all officers are reminded of their Section 25 authorities

Mission Planning Factors

Priorities of Life include: **REDACTED**
Facts and Intelligence gathered through the investigation

Environment and Terrain of the area of the objective area
Tools and Tactics of ESU members through team training
Officers Instincts and Experience

ADMINISTRATION

ESU Availability

Windsor Emergency Services Unit (ESU) – will work regular scheduled shifts with full ESU deployment as follows,

- **Dayshift – Tuesday to Friday 0800-1800hrs**
- **Afternoons – Thursday to Saturday, 17:00 – 03:00 hours**
- **Wednesday full team training 0800-1800 Hrs**

ESU will be available for call in on days off if required.

COVERAGE/RESPONSIBILITY:

Monday Day and Night
Call In ESU

Tuesday Day
ESU Secondary Response
Call In After Hours ESU

Wednesday Day
ESU Secondary Response
Call In After Hours ESU

Thursday Day
ESU Secondary Response

Thursday Night
ESU Secondary Response
Call In After Hours ESU

Friday Day
ESU Secondary Response

Friday Night
ESU Secondary Response
Call In After Hours ESU

Saturday Day

Call In ESU

Saturday Night

ESU Secondary Response

Call In After Hours ESU

Sunday Day and Night

Call In ESU

In the event ESU is assigned to another call for service or during their off hours, the IC Sergeant will refer to "Command and Control" for E.S.U. call in procedures. If on another call, ESU should make every effort to clear their call and attend the area.

Additional Resources Required

Windsor Police Service

QRT – Minimum of 4 Officers

IT – Minimum of 2 Officers

Responding Sergeant will assume IC Role

Other Information

Item	Description
Clothing	Fully marked tactical police uniform
Equipment	Fully marked tactical uniforms, PPE and use of force options including firearms
Hospital	Windsor Regional Hospital Ouellette Campus (trauma centre) or as directed by EMS.

Additional Support

Unit	Role
Medics	Provide medical support if needed
K9	Provide K9 support if required.
Investigators	Provide investigative support if required.
Patrol	Establish QRT and IT teams

COMMAND / CONTROL / COMMUNICATION**Authority**

Title	Name	Contact
Critical Incident Commander	On Call CIC	

ESU Sergeant	Sgt. D'ALIMONTE	REDACTED	
ESU Team Leader	Cst. FREDERICK		

Communications			
Operating Channel		REDACTED	
Emergency Support Channel			

Authorizing IC	Date	Signature